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REMARKS

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1. On 5 August 1953, the Flak Kaserne in Magdeburg was occupied by about 400 troops with red-bordered black epaulets. Weapons observed included 4 x 76-mm AA guns and 5 x 37-mm AA guns.¹
2. On 5 August, the Seeckt Kaserne housed a rear detail, while the Encke Kaserne was occupied to capacity.¹
3. On 5 August, the Herrenkrug Kaserne was occupied by about 700 troops; 24 trucks were seen in the billeting area.¹
4. On 5 August, the Anger Kaserne was occupied by about 400 troops with red-bordered black epaulets.¹
5. On 5 August, the Zuckerbusch Kaserne was occupied by about 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with medical corps insignia.¹
6. On 21 July, a troop train passed through the Magdeburg railroad station toward Stassfurt. The train consisted of 12 boxcars with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and 42 flatcars with 4 x 57-mm AT guns, 6 x 85-mm AA guns, prime movers, 12 x 122-mm field howitzers, and 24 trucks.

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7. On 5 August, the Herrenkrug Kaserne was only partly occupied.
8. On 2 August, the Hindenburg Kaserne was partly occupied. The sentries had been reinforced.¹
9. On 2 August, the Seeckt Kaserne and the Nachrichten Kaserne were occupied by a rear detail.¹
10. On 31 July, vehicles observed crossing the road bridge toward Herrenkrug, trucks occupied by 30 EM with red-bordered black epaulets each and towing medium mortars, and truck with 30 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets.¹

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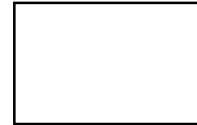
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11. On 5 August, the Plak Kaserne was only partly occupied. The 1A gun emplacement was ready for action. [redacted] 25X1

12. On 6 August, the eastern section of the Herrenkrug Kaserne was occupied. T-43 tanks [redacted] were observed at the firing range. An unusually large number of sentries and 10 to 15 trucks were seen in the tilting area. Truck trailer [redacted] was seen at the installation. 25X1

13. On 3 August, tank trucks observed at the tank dump [redacted] 25X1

14. On 28 July, much training activity was seen at the Hindenburg Kaserne. Armored personnel carrier [redacted] and five trucks were observed at the installation. 25X1

15. On 30 July, a southbound troop train with trucks and rocket launchers was seen at the Rothensee railroad station. [redacted] 25X1

16. On 30 July, motor vehicle traffic across the road bridge [redacted] 25X1

At about 7 p.m. on 31 July, 2 tank trucks, [redacted] and [redacted] trucks with soldiers, [redacted] crossed the road bridge toward east. 25X1

17. At about 8 a.m. on 29 July, about 600 ammunition boxes were loaded to the Colmstedt railroad station. [redacted] Five T-43 and 2 SP guns were standing on the ramp. The track unprints indicated that they came from the direction of Colbitz. [redacted] 25X1

18. At 5:40 p.m. on 24 July, a troop train of 10 boxcars and an undetermined number of flatcars with 8 rocket launchers and 29 trucks crossed the Magdeburg railroad bridge. The train came from the east and proceeded toward Stendal. [redacted] 25X1

19. On 20 July, only 50 percent of the Hindenburg Kaserne were occupied about 700 troops. The installation was guarded by sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulettes. There were no heavy weapons. [redacted] 25X1

20. On 20 July, the Seeckt Kaserne was occupied by a guard detail of 20 to 100 soldiers. 25X1

1. [redacted] Comment. On the whole, the information indicates no change affecting the previous occupation of the barracks installations. See [redacted] The Hindenburg Kaserne is also believed to be still occupied at least with elements of the 105th Sig Regt of the Third Shock Army and probably motor transport units of the army or 19th Gds Mecz Div. [redacted] 25X1

2. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the train probably carried artillery units of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div probably returning from Altengradow to Kindel. [redacted] 25X1

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